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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM THE SECRETARY

E.O. 11652: XGDS-3

TAGS: PFOR, SW, NI

SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: MESSAGE FOR GENERAL OBASANJO

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING TO GENERAL OBASANJO FROM THE SECRETARY.

2. BEGIN TEXT: "DEAR GENERAL OBASANJO: MR. CROSBY HAS REPORTED TO ME ON HIS RECENT CONVERSATION WITH YOU AND MR. NUJOMA ABOUT NAMIBIA. I APPRECIATE YOUR INTEREST IN SEEKING TO CLARIFY THE SITUATION AND AM PLEASED TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO OUTLINE OUR UNDERSTANDING OF WHERE THINGS STAND.

3. "AS PRESIDENT NYERERE MAY HAVE EXPLAINED TO YOU, THE PROPOSALS ON NAMIBIA WERE DEVELOPED FROM A SUGGESTION HE ORIGINALLY MADE THAT A SOLUTION MIGHT BE FOUND IF THE WINDHOEK CONFERENCE COULD BE MOVED TO A NEUTRAL LOCATION LIKE GENEVA AND SWAPO INVITED TO PARTICIPATE. AFTER DISCUSSIONS WITH HIM, PRESIDENT NYERERE, AND PRIME MINISTER VORSTER, THE FOLLOWING POINTS EMERGED AS THE BASIS FOR THE  
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PROPOSAL THAT WAS MADE TO SAM NUJOMA ON SEPTEMBER 29:

--A CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE WOULD BE HELD IN GENEVA  
TO CONDUCT FURTHER TALKS ON INDEPENDENCE;

--THE UNITED NATIONS WOULD DESIGNATE AN OBSERVER TO THE  
CONFERENCE;

--SOUTH AFRICA WOULD DESIGNATE A REPRESENTATIVE TO  
LIAISE WITH THE PARTICIPANTS AND NEGOTIATE ISSUES CON-  
CERNING SOUTH AFRICA'S RELATIONSHIP WITH AN INDEPENDENT  
NAMIBIA;

--THE CONFERENCE WOULD DECIDE THE MODALITIES OF AN  
ELECTION ON THE NATURE OF ITS SUPERVISION PRIOR TO  
FINAL INDEPENDENCE;

--THE CONFERENCE COULD DEAL WITH ANY ASPECT OF THE  
INDEPENDENCE PROCESS WHICH ANY PARTICIPANTS WISH TO  
RAISE;

--THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT WOULD COMMIT ITSELF TO  
ACCEPT WHATEVER CONSTITUTIONAL PROPOSALS ARE APPROVED  
BY THE CONFERENCE;

--THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT WOULD ACCEPT THE  
CONFERENCE'S PROPOSAL FOR INDEPENDENCE BY DECEMBER 31,  
1978.

4. "FOLLOWING MY DISCUSSIONS WITH NUJOMA, I CONTINUED MY  
CONSULTATIONS AND DETERMINED THAT THE SOUTH AFRICAN  
GOVERNMENT WAS PREPARED TO MAKE SURE THAT THE WINDHOEK  
CONFERENCE WOULD SEND ONLY A REPRESENTATIVE DELEGATION TO  
A CONFERENCE. THIS WAS AN IMPORTANT CONCESSION, ASSURING  
THAT THE CONFERENCE WOULD NOT BE AN EXTENSION OF THE  
WINDHOEK MEETINGS BUT WOULD BE AN ENTIRELY NEW FORUM,  
THUS MEETING SWAPI'S CONCERN THAT ITS VOICE WOULD BE LOST  
IN A WINDHOEK-TYPE ASSEMBLY.

5. "FURTHERMORE, MY DISCUSSIONS GAVE ME REASON TO BELIEVE  
THAT ONCE THE GENEVA TALKS WERE AGREED UPON IT WOULD BE  
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POSSIBLE TO OBTAIN A SUBSTANTIAL RELEASE OF POLITICAL  
PRISONERS.

6. "ALL THAT WAS NEEDED TO BEGIN THE PROCESS WAS A  
RESPONSE FROM MR. NUJOMA ON THE BASIC POINTS. I AM STILL  
CONVINCED THAT ONCE THERE IS A CLEAR ACCEPTANCE OF THE  
PROCESS, IT WOULD OFFER A CLEAR ROAD TO A NAMIBIAN  
SETTLEMENT AND THAT COUNTRY'S INDEPENDENCE. UNTIL THEN,

HOWEVER, I BELIEVE WE HAVE PUSHED THE SOUTH AFRICANS AS  
FAR AS THEY CAN GO. THEREFORE, THE MATTER RESTS WITH  
MR. NUJOMA. WITH WARM REGARDS, HENRY A. KISSINGER."  
END TEXT. KISSINGER

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